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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 in the abovereferenced application, please amend the claims as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph at page 6 immediately below "Brief Description of the Drawings" with the following paragraph:

"The patent or applicant file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."